

The Gardner Museum Spring 2022 Lecture Series

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Quabbin Houses

Local nature photographer and avid historian Dale Monette will once again present a fascinating topic at the museum, this time of the Quabbin Reservoir history; he will share images of buildings before and after the creation of the reservoir in the 1930's. Since the early 1970's Dale lived within 2 miles of the Quabbin reservoir; after receiving a BS degree from UMASS' Dept. of Environmental Conservation in Natural Resources Conservation, he spent his career working at Quabbin as an educator and naturalist.

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It's all about Coffee

Do you want to know where and how coffee grows, about ethical sourcing practices, about roasting and blending coffee, and how to brew a good cup? Dan Akin, store manager of the new Starbucks branch right here in Gardner will present key concepts of the company's "Coffee Academy 100" (a class available at the Starbucks Coffee Academy).

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A Canine Connection

This presentation by Kristin Hartness, Executive Director of Canines for Disabled Kids, will provide a full understanding of service dogs to individuals who might use one and to people who might interact with people who use them – in short – everyone. It will include an explanation of what a service dog is and is not, the laws defining service dogs, the responsibilities of the communities and of the individuals, how service dogs are produced and where to find the right resources for access questions and how to obtain a service dog. Kistin herself is a disabled woman, diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1993; she has been a service dog partner since April 2001, and is currently partnered with her 3rd service dog, Asha, a 10 year old smooth coat collie.

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Calvin Coolidge

Athol author J.R. Greene will present his newest book ("Calvin Coolidge in 100 Objects," published fall 2021) about the man who graduated from Amherst College and went on to lead the nation as the 30th president of the US. It is J.R. Greene's 23rd book and 4th pertaining to Calvin Coolidge. Tonight, you will be able to purchase a signed copy of his book.

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Golf

Local teacher and sports writer Jay Gearan will talk about his golf writing and the history of the Delay Memorial Golf Tournament. This year's Memorial Day weekend marks the 75th anniversary of the prestigious tournament.

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Pollination Systems

Dr. Robert Gegear, Assistant Professor at the Department of Biology, UMASS Dartmouth, will talk about his work on the conservation of native pollination systems and pollinator ecology as Director of the New England Bee-cology Project. He will speak about the relationships between native plants and pollinators, and the importance of this interaction in the larger ecological context; the current situation of local pollination systems; and how everyone can improve them.

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**All events run from 7-8 pm after a museum-hosted reception from 6:30-7pm
RESERVATION is required for every event!!! Admission for non-member adults is \$3**

As of January 2022, all above programs are scheduled to be in-person. We urge all visitors to check our website and facebook page for possible cancellations or postponements.

Because the well-being of all of our members and friends are our priority, we ask all visitors to wear masks inside the museum, regardless of their vaccination status.